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Conflict of Interest Statutes - Advisory Groups

...You have informally requested a legal opinion of this office concerning consultants, with or without compensation, who are assigned to and comprise Advisory Groups within your office. Inasmuch as the consultants to the Advisory Group are associated with companies which may indirectly be engaged in Agency Business, it is necessary to explore possible violations of Sections 216, 281, 283, 284, 434 and 1914 of Title 18, United States Code, and Section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 USC 99)...

... In all consultant problems in the field of conflict of interest, it is well to remember that a consultant is an employee of the Government during his entire tenure of office and, therefore, subject to the same legal and ethical restrictions as is any Government employee unless otherwise provided by law...

...it is the opinion of this office that the employment of consultants to the Advisory Groups is legally proper on the basis of the statement of facts...

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Assistant General Counsel

The above memo is filed in File 336 - Outside Employment and Compensation